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**Subject:** Re: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) ~ Paden City Water Situation (attachment)

Thank you Jason. This was brought to our attention today and a few departments (DEP, DHHR) are investigating. We are also monitoring mentions on social media. I will pass along this information and see what we can determine.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

**Paden City ~ (Wetzel County/Tyler County)**

Good afternoon!

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

called the Governor's Office regarding the water issue in Paden City (Wetzel County/Tyler County). Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) said that she and the community want some factual answers as to the status of the entire situation.

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

specifically wants to know:

- . *Why/How Paden City kept the PCE report private over the past 9 years and this was not presented to the public as required by law.*
- . *She said that PCE's are major carcinogens and she wants to know if the community can bathe in this water...*
- . *She wants to know if there is boil water advisory, but also if boiling the water does anything at all to remove the chemical from the water.*
- . *She said that people are paying for water they cannot use, but also paying for clean water for their personal use. Is Paden City going to stop charging for the toxic water service.*
- . *People cannot afford to keep paying for clean water... She wants to know if Paden City or the counties have asked the State of WV for water tankers, water buffalo's, bottled water...*
- . *She wanted to know why this has not been declared a State of Emergency.*

I am contacting the DEP, DHHR/BPH and HS&EM to determine if you can address any of these comments/questions above. We have received a few calls so far and I am sure we will receive more in the near future.

Any assistance or information you can provide to Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) would be greatly appreciated. Any information you can share with our office would be appreciated as well. Thank you.



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**PADEN CITY, W.Va (WTRF) - Residents in Paden City, Wetzel County are no longer using the city's water.**

According to test results by the West Virginia Environmental Protection Agency, the water is contaminated with a chemical substance commonly used at dry cleaners.

The Paden City Water Department which services nearly 1300 customers is contaminated with the chemical, perchloroethylene (PCE) is a solvent used for degreasing.

"We had a dry cleaner facility in our town that discharged chemicals into our drains and it leaked into our drain system and into the ground and into our groundwater," said Clyde Hochstrasser, Mayor, Paden City.

According to Hochstrasser, the water first tested positive for PCE in 2010. The city has been able to keep the situation at bay through air stripping machines which help oxidize the chemical.

The city has also maintained the water contamination by using additional wells. Paden City sources their water from four wells. Three of those wells are now contaminated.

The mayor also said the city is struggling to come up with the funds to continue fighting the contamination.

Thrasher Engineering, a company working closely with the city to resolve the problem told Mayor Hochstrasser the system the city would need to implement to solve the issue would cost around \$240 thousand.

Hochstrasser said the city can't afford this system on their own.

In pursuit of financial assistance, the mayor has been in contact with a number of government agencies "the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health, the U.S. EPA and the West Virginia EPA," said Hochstrasser.

Hochstrasser said representatives from Thrasher are currently in Charleston speaking with officials about the Paden City water contamination.

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